GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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CENTRAL SILK BOARD
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to amend Central Silk Board Act,1948;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some State Governments including the Government of Karnataka have expressed their concern on the implications likely to arise by amending the said Act; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) There is no proposal as on date to amend the Central Silk Board Act, 1948. However, the said Act was amended recently by the CSB (Amendment) Act, 2006.

(b) The Central Silk Board (Amendment) Act, 2006 has been passed with the main objective of providing necessary provisions to regulate the production and certification of good quality of Silkworm Seeds in the larger interest of all the stake holders in the sericulture sector like farmers, reelers, weavers and garment manufacturers etc. This was necessary in the light of growing competition from countries like China. Production of quality silk with higher productivity is the main objective of these amendments. This objective is accomplished through constitution of Central Silkworm Seed Committee, Hybrid Authorization Committee, Registration Committee etc. and other matters relating thereto.

(c) & (d) The CSB (Amendment)Act, 2006 was passed after considering the views expressed by different States. The draft rules prepared for implementation of the Act were circulated to various Sericulture States, including Karnataka, for their comments. Several discussions and interactions with farmers and other stake holders was ensured at the highest level and views of the States were taken into account while finalizing the draft amendments.